



Accommodation is readily available in São Roque de Minas. Tourist Information is situated along the main road and is clearly visible when coming to town from Piumhi or Vargem Bonita. Tourist Information will help you find the most appropriate accommodation. When birding around Serra da Canastra, a car is essential, as distances between sites and accommodation are long. Without your own transport this is a difficult site to cover, as lots of time is needed, but hitchhiking might work.

Birding in Serra da Canastra concentrates on two different areas: the highland cerrado above São Roque de Minas (via the main entrance, 8 km from the town) and the gallery forests, riversides and surroundings in the lower parts. Both areas require lots of driving.

The park is open from 7.30 am to 6 pm. The last 2 km from São Roque to the park's entrance is good birding area and the bushy hillsides here hold:

Red-winged Tinamou	<i>Rhyncotus rufescens</i>	
King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	
Great Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>	
White-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>	
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle	<i>Geranoetus melanoleucus</i>	
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	
Golden-capped Parakeet	<i>Aratinga auricapillus</i>	E NT
Peach-fronted Parakeet	<i>Aratinga aurea</i>	
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris chiriri</i>	
Sickle-winged Nightjar	<i>Eleothreptus anomalus</i>	NT
White-vented Violet-ear	<i>Colibri serrirostris</i>	
Stripe-breasted Starthroat	<i>Helimaster squamosus</i>	E
Sooty-fronted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis frontalis</i>	
Rufous-winged Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus torquatus</i>	
Great Pampa-Finch	<i>Embernagra platensis</i>	
Dubois's Seedeater	<i>Sporophila ardesiaca</i>	E
Black-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator atricollis</i>	



Above: White-rumped Tanager *Cypsnagra hirundinacea*

Left: Casca d'Anta waterfall

Right: Great Dusky Swifts *Cypseloides senex* roosting by Casca d'Anta waterfall

When driving along dirt roads in the grassland both Hellmayr's Pipit *Anthus hellmayri* and Ochre-breasted Pipit *Anthus nattereri* are possible in the roadside grass, Cock-tailed Tyrants *Alectrurus tricolor* are social and concentrate in loose flocks, and in every patch of forest Brazilian Tapaculo *Scytalopus novacapitalis* is possible. When coming from the entrance gate look for the point where a power line goes over the road and check the forest patch here for it. Check small streams and ponds for Brazilian Merganser *Mergus octosetaceus*. One of the best known sites for this species is a small pool just upstream from the big waterfall Casca d'Anta. Campo Miner *Geobates poecilopterus* frequents areas which have recently burnt. It might also be worthwhile to check areas with short grass. Sharp-tailed Tyrant *Culicivora caudacuta* can be found in tall grass near the bushes and Grey-backed Tachuri *Polystictus superciliaris*, White-rumped Tanager *Cypsnagra hirundinacea*, Black-Masked Finch *Coryphaspiza melanotis* occur in small numbers in the grassland. Greater Rhea *Rhea americana* can be seen on the widest campo grass areas.

Birds of plateau of Serra da Canastra:

Greater Rhea	<i>Rhea americana</i>	NT
Red-winged Tinamou	<i>Rhyncotus rufescens</i>	
Dwarf Tinamou	<i>Taoniscus nanus</i>	VU
Brazilian Merganser	<i>Mergus octosetaceus</i>	CR
Giant Snipe	<i>Gallinago undulata</i>	
Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	
Peach-fronted Parakeet	<i>Aratinga aurea</i>	
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	
Campo Miner	<i>Geobates poeciloptera</i>	
Firewood-gatherer	<i>Anumbius annumbi</i>	
Brasilia Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus novacapitalis</i>	E NT
Sharp-tailed Tyrant	<i>Culicivora caudacuta</i>	VU
Grey-backed Tachuri	<i>Polystictus superciliaris</i>	E NT
Cock-tailed Tyrant	<i>Alectrurus tricolor</i>	VU
Hellmayr's Pipit	<i>Anthus hellmayri</i>	
Ochre-breasted Pipit	<i>Anthus nattereri</i>	VU
Sedge Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	
White-rumped Tanager	<i>Cypsnagra hirundinacea</i>	
Capped Seedeater	<i>Sporophila bouvreuil</i>	
Grey-and-chestnut Seedeater	<i>Sporophila hypochroma</i>	NT
Black-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila melanogaster</i>	NT
Black-masked Finch	<i>Coryphaspiza melanotis</i>	VU

